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HIROYUKI KAWAI, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
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FOR: SEPARATOR FOR ALKALINE :  
BATTERY AND BATTERY USING  
SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.